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Eleven Guns
AbandonedGeneral Buller Reports a Serious
Reverse at the Tugela
River.Boers Opened Fire on Artillery
Killing Thirteen Out of
Eighteen Horses.British Force Returned to Their
Camp at Chieveley—Heavy
Losses.

London, Dec. 16.—Lord Lansdowne has received the following dispatch from General Buller:

I regret to report a serious reverse. I moved in full strength from our camp near Chieveley at 4 this morning. There are two fordable places in the Tugela river, and it was my intention to force a passage through one of them. They are about two miles apart. My intention was to force one or the other with one brigade, supported by a central brigade. Gen. Hart was to attack the left. Gen. Hildyard the right road and Gen. Lytton to attack the centre and to support either.

Early in the day I saw that Gen. Hart would not be able to force a passage, and I directed him to withdraw. He had, however,

Attacked With Great Gallantry,
and his leading battalion, the Connaught Rangers, I fear suffered a great deal. Col. L. G. Brooke was seriously wounded.

I then ordered Gen. Hildyard to advance, which he did, and his leading right, the East Surrey, occupied Colenso station and the houses near the bridge.

At that moment I heard that the whole artillery I had to support the attack, the 14th and 6th field batteries and six naval 12-pouncers, quick-fires, under Col. Long, had advanced close to the river, in Long's desire to be within effective range.

It proved to be full of the enemy, who suddenly opened a galling fire at close range, killing all their horses, and the gunners were compelled to stand to their guns. Some of the wagon teams got shelter for the troops in a dingle, and

Desperate Efforts

were made to bring out the field guns. The fire, however, was too severe, and only two were saved by Capt. Schofield and some drivers, whose names I will furnish.

Another gallant attempt with three teams was made by an officer, whose name I will obtain.

Of the 18 horses 13 were killed, and as several drivers were wounded, I would not allow another attempt, as it seemed that they would be a shell mark. Not wishing to sacrifice life to a gallant attempt to force the passage unsupported by artillery, I directed the troops to withdraw, which they did in good order.

Throughout the day a considerable force of the enemy was pressing on my right flank, but

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The day was immensely hot and trying to the troops whose conduct was excellent.

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The depression over the defeat of Great Britain's trusted and idolized commander is all the greater as during the last 48 hours there have been reports of the relief of Ladysmith. Yesterday the war office allowed it to be understood that the position of affairs in Natal was entirely satisfactory. The reaction is all the more pronounced on this account.

The gloomy information came too late to reach the Service clubs, and only a few journalists and stragglers were waiting at the war office. It has hardly been realized until now, even after the experience of the week, that Gen. Buller could fail. Virtually nothing had been allowed to leak through regarding his preparations, but the public waited patiently in the confident belief that he was taking such time and precautions as would ensure success.

Press Comments.

The Standard says: "Gen. Buller's dispatch is deplorable reading. It is the now familiar story of concealed Boers and British troops marching up, blindly almost, to the very muzzles of the enemy's rifles. It cannot be doubted that the moral effect will be to agitate our difficulties over the whole field of operations. The country has discovered with annoyance and surprise that 'subduing' Boer farmers is about the easiest work we have entered upon since the Indian Mutiny. The commandants

have shown themselves able to give our generals useful but expensive lessons in modern tactics."

The Times says: "Since the days of the Indian Mutiny the nation has not been confronted with so painful and anxious a situation. Plainly, Gen. Buller's advance is paralyzed for the moment as completely as Lord Methuen's and Gen. Gatacre's."

More Men.

Immediately on receiving the news the war office decided to mobilize still another division and to replace the losses of artillery. The necessary reinforcements will be hurried off as speedily as possible. Fifteen transports are due to arrive at Cape town between December 17th and January 8th, with about 15,000 troops of all arms, but unless Gen. Buller is able to renew the attack, which is exceedingly doubtful, the British generals will be compelled for another fortnight or more to remain practically on the defensive.

Situation at Ladysmith.

The latest dispatches indicate the continued bombardment of Ladysmith, which position is now perilous.

Chernside's Command.

Major-General Sir Herbert Charles Chernside has been appointed to command the 14th brigade in the seventh division.

Will Give Information.

Washington, Dec. 15.—United States Consul Mr. Macraum has cabled the state department from Pretoria, that the Transvaal government has informed him that full reports will be given through the war office of the Republic of the names and conditions of British prisoners when applied for by the British authorities. Mr. Macraum has secured the release of the British subject, Robert, son, a civilian, who had been arrested by the Boers and confined at Pretoria on the charge of being a spy, on condition that he leave the country at once and remain out of it.

Story Denied.

Waterford, Ireland, Dec. 15.—The story printed in the Freeman's Journal to the effect that the reserves of the Royal Irish Regiment, while embarking on their way to South Africa, this port on Wednesday sang "God Save Ireland" cheered the Boers and President Kruger, and threw their rifles into the river, in Long's desire to be within effective range.

Nothing whatever occurred among the men beyond the pathetic leave-takings which have been witnessed at all similar embarkations.

EXAMINE THE TONGUE.

The skilled physician reads your condition by a glance at your tongue. If it is coated and you have a bitter taste in your mouth in the morning, he knows your liver is torpid and sluggish and prescribes the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. They cure biliousness, stomach troubles, and all liver and kidney disorders. One pill a dose, 25 cents a box. At all dealers.

From top of its consular offices, Consul-General Turner at Ottawa and Commercial Agent Shattock at South Ste. Marie, the United States state department has received notice of intended action by the Canadian government to prevent the exportation of nickel ore and nickel matte, which they say will have most important and disastrous results on the nickel refining industry in the United States.

Henry C. Landis, secretary of the Baltimore Board of Trade and one of the most prominent insurance men of the city, committed suicide yesterday.

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The Natal Force

An Interesting Letter From a Special Correspondent of the London Times.

He Tells of the Situation at Ladysmith Up to Octo-ber 17th.

The following letter, dated Ladysmith, Oct. 17th, appeared in a recent issue of the London Times.

Dusty Little Ladysmith is now, the centre of all that the British Empire can do for the immediate defence of Natal. This is not being sufficient to guarantee the security of the country against invasion. It is impossible not to appreciate the confidence which the colonists have placed in the military authorities.

It was not for the military occupation of the camp and the tumult of the arriving "supply" of an army, the casual visitor would never realize that the township was controlled by martial law, that the town guard of citizens mounted every night, and that an enemy was actually at the gates. Business proceeds as usual, ladies go and attend tea parties, and the majority of men and women perform their duties just as they would do in ordinary circumstances. It is a quaint little place, Ladysmith, just a little six town nestled in one of the dips of a vast rolling veldt; hugging a kopje and a rivulet, and growing a few green trees where the rest of the plain is bare and brown—a town of one street and a few detached houses, that is all. Yet it would seem that within two months it will have become

A Township With a History.

For it is impossible to forget what a week or ten days may bring forth. Now it is the living centre of the force in Natal. Every hour trains roll into the sidings of the little station laden with every conceivable assortment of stores. Dutch wagons with spans of ten to fourteen oxen, mule trolleys, water carts and pack trains, through the narrow thoroughfare to the military camp. Every solid public building in the valley has been requisitioned as a store or hospital. From the compounds of churches and schools rise pyramids of bed boxes and flour sacks. The iron walls of laded houses are bulging with blanket bags and ordnance stores. Field ambulances and commissariat parks are billeted in every spare yard of shaded ground that can be found. Already three months' stores have arrived, and in another week the supply arrangements will be such that Ladysmith could stand a four months' siege.

Not that such an eventuality is seriously expected, but in war all things are possible.

On the morning of October 12th the Transvaal and Free State burghers invaded Natal. According to official information three columns of Transvaal Boers occupied the approaches on the Charlestown border. The main column, consisting of a mixed force of Transvaalers, Free State Boers, under Plet Joubert, with the Hollander and German legions occupied Charlestown, and then pushed on to Collyer's Camp, at the foot of Mount Prospect, where it bivouacked on the night of October 14th. Two smaller columns violated this border, one from the direction of Whickerstrom, and the other joining the main column at Ingogo.

From information received from fugitives it would appear that an advance guard of about 1,000 men with some field artillery was detached under Commandant Ben Viljoen, who occupied Newcastle yesterday. They had pushed patrols past Ingagane and almost as far as Dambanha, a matter of 10 miles from Dundee. As the Boer forces advanced a quiet and orderly evacuation of Newcastle and the railway stations above Dambanha took place, the line being demolished half-way between the latter place and Ingagane. The occupation of Newcastle appears to have been as quiet and orderly as the evacuation, the Boer commandant intimating to the inhabitants that receipts would be given for all requisites and supplies taken.

The flag of the South African Republic was solemnly hoisted over the principal official building. So far no news of any excess on the part of the invaders has reached headquarters here.

One or two residents against whom some of the Boer leaders have particular animosity state that they found it necessary to leave the colony with

Leaves in Haste,

but there is little to show that the threatening attitude of the Boers was not purely掠夺性的.

While these three columns have been advancing southward the commandos which for some weeks have been at Doorn Berg watching De laager's Drift have been making a dash

against the British force.

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Military Matters

Communications from the different branches of Her Majesty's Service represented in Victoria and Esquimalt will be welcome. Address "Cheveron," Times Office.

For the Marine Hospital Staff Surgeon Patrick B. Handyside, M.B., has been posted in orders to the Warrant Officer for Esquimalt hospital.

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No. 2's Smoker.—I omitted last week to mention the smoker given by No. 2 Co. for the purpose of marking in a fitting way the end of their organization as a company. The event was a most enjoyable one, and indeed was one of the best, sans titre, given in the drill hall.

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Col. Lake's Promotion.—Major and Brevet Lieut.-Co. P. H. N. Lake, East Lancashire Regiment, has been appointed A. A. G. in charge of mobilization records at the war office, with the substantive rank of colonel in the army. Col. Lake will be numbered as a popular quartermaster-general of the Canadian militia, receiving his brevet of lieutenant-colonel on giving up that appointment.

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Two Eager Officers.—It is a source of no small gratification to learn upon the authority of Col. Prior that both himself and Col. Gregory volunteered their services to the government for the South African contingent. Little wonder that with two such enthusiastic soldiers as commanding officers, there should be a long list of volunteers ready to go from the Fifth Regiment to South Africa with the second contingent should one be selected.

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The Military Expert.—The "military expert" who writes of a campaign he does not see is becoming something of a bore in connection with the South African business. He conjures up dangers and drawbacks and failures, actual or impending, with almost every step in the campaign. He makes readers tired. The best military experts are saying nothing. They are busy rounding up the Boers.—Montreal Gazette.

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The General's Approval.—While on his visit to this province Major-General Hutton made close inquiry into the methods pursued by the local rifle association in the disposition of prizes, and expressed himself as delighted with the plan adopted by the executive to encourage young shots, the system being already familiar to readers of this column. So well pleased was he with it that he expressed his intention of recommending it to all, the Eastern associations.

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Tommy's Plum Pudding.—The ten tons of plum pudding that are being sent to the British troops for Christmas are the gift of one firm of caterers in London. The puddings will number 22,400, and will so vary in size that some will be meant for two soldiers, some for four, some for six and some for eight. As there will be, all told, 70,000 men in the field at Christmas time, some idea may be had of the havoc that will be wrought if all of the puddings are eaten at one sitting.

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The Old 100th and the Canucks.—On the departure of the Nova Scotia company of the Canadian contingent for the Transvaal from Halifax, on the 20th October, the band and drums of the 1st Battalion Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians) played them through the city to the railway station to the strains of the "Empire March." "The Maple Leaf Forever," etc., a fitting and courteous act which was greatly appreciated. It has now been decided that the battalion will remain at Halifax, N.S., instead of proceeding to Cork.

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He Didn't "Play the Game."—The expressions and habits of the cricket career follow British officers even on active service. An English exchange says: "That good all-round sportsman, the late Sir John Astley used to keep wicket for the regimental cricket team, when no wicket keeper had the audacity to dispense with a long stop, and had a very smart private for his long stop, indeed it was averred that he never let a single ball go by him. On one occasion Sir John Astley was leading his men when they were exposed to fire from a Russian battery, and had a narrow escape from a cannon ball, when he turned round and said, 'That's one for you, Tom.' 'Thank you, sir,' replied the private, 'I let that one go by.'

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Col. Peters' Suggestion.—At the meeting of the British Columbia Rifle Association last Saturday night a suggestion was made by the D.O.C. which has many features to commend it to those who have at heart the best interests of the militia in this province. Col. Peters stated that he had become convinced that in fairness to the up country rincmen the rule which has hitherto prevailed in regard to the grants made by the government to the association should be suspended. While militia companies existed only at Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster it was quite right and proper that these funds should be devoted to a prize meeting at some Coast point. With the organization of companies in the Boundary and Kootenay towns all this had been changed and the D.O.C. now recommends that the total appropriation be divided in proportion to their strength among all the companies of the province. This would probably be a death blow to the British Columbia Rifle Association, at least as it appears to exist, but it has in it an element of justice which cannot be denied. At the same meeting the following were elected to represent Victoria on the association: Col. Gregory, Major Williams and Sergeants Lettice and Winsby.

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The Arethusa.—The Arethusa, Captain James Starlin, which relieves the Amazon on this station, left Devonport on her long voyage on November 27th. She was inspected a few days previously by Admiral Sir Nathaniel Bowden-Smith, commander-in-chief at the Nove. Her commissioning trial was very successful. Since her return from the Mediterranean she has had a thorough overhaul to en-

able her to serve two commissions abroad. The Naval and Military Record, commenting upon her appearance remarks that "while not so 'nancy' looking as the Amazon, she is a good deal more graceful and trim-looking craft." This is saying a great deal when it is remembered that the vessel was built early in the eighties. Her speed of eighteen knots compares favorably with more modern vessels. Before leaving Sheerness she was swung for the adjustment of her compasses, and the shipment of war department stores completed. Her commander is Captain James Starlin, who achieved distinction during the Boer expedition. Other officers posted to the Arethusa include Lieuts. G. H. Romilly-Pearse, W. N. Land, G. Henry Butterworth (for navigating duties), Edward L. Hughes and Arthur T. Darley; Sub-Lieut. Augustus E. Ruxton, Gunner W. Barlow, Boatman W. Rumpf, Assistant Paymaster Richard R. Hamer, Carpenter Fred Lawrence, Staff Surgeon Joseph A. Moon, Chief Engineer Charles J. James, Assistant Engineers Thomas Pearce, Probationary Assistant Engineer Frank A. Butler.

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Sage Advice.—Col. Baden Powell, whose fame is just at present in everyone's mouth, is the author of a work on "Aids to Scouting for Boys & Men," just issued by Gale and Polden. In referring to his duties, the author says: "It is comparatively easy for a man in the heat and excitement of battle, where everyone is striving to be first, to dash out before the rest and do some gallant deed; but it is another thing for a man to take his life in his hand to carry out some extra dangerous bit of scouting on his own account, where there is no one by to applaud, and it might be just as easy for him to go back; that is a true bit of heroism, and yet it is what a scout does continually, as all in the day's work." It is his own pluck and stony heart that enables him to do his work with success. For these reasons the scout service is looked upon with the greatest respect and admiration by his comrades.

The colonel gives the scout this characteristic advice: "When in doubt as to whether to go on or go back, think of the Zulus saying, 'If we go forward we die, if we go backward we die; better go forward and die.'" This paragraph is typical of the sportsman: "It is also typical of the game of football. You are selected as a forward player. Play the game; play that your side may win. Don't think of your own glorification or your own risks; your side are backing you up. Play up and make the best of every chance you get. Football is a good game, but better go than it, better than any other game, is that of man-hunting. But like all other games, it is no use you going in for it without previous training; and I hope that what I have said above may be of some use in helping you to take a distinguished part in the best sport in the world, namely, scouting."

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More Street Work.—The Council Orders Some Long-Awaited Improvements.

The mayor and severals of the aldermen met in committee last evening to decide upon the best way in which to expend the amount of unappropriated money at their disposal. The absentees were Ald. Brydon and Williams.

The total amount to be expended appeared to be \$1,573, and of this \$230 will be expended for the benefit of the people of the western suburb; \$210 going for the purpose of erecting the needed lights on the Indian reserve thoroughfare and \$20 for the repair of the sidewalk on the north side of Craigflower road.

Pozzing recommendations of the city engineer were adopted:

Drainage of the McFarish property, as applied for by Hon. J. S. Macneekin, M.D., on November 20th, at an estimated cost of \$180.

Sidewalk on south side of Cadboro Bay road, between Pemberton road and Charles street, as applied for November 20th, \$160.

Extension of drain on Stanley avenue, as applied for by G. C. Meshier, December 11th, \$145.

Sidewalk on east side of Owego street, between Simcoe and Michigan, as applied for November 20th, \$112.

Sidewalk on west side of Owego street, between Kingston and Michigan, as applied for November 20th, \$100.

Improvement of the easterly portion of Davis street, as applied for Dr. F. W. Hall, November 20th, \$100.

Sidewalk through Lydia and Howard streets, \$85.

Sidewalk on Springfield avenue, west side, between the new and the old Esquimalt roads, as applied for November 20th, \$80.

Blasting rock and laying gravel walk in place of steps, North Penobscot street, as applied for by W. Emery, December 4th, \$60.

Improvement of Fort Bay road, as applied for by Thomas Shothola, on December 4th, \$55.

Sidewalk in Dundee street, north side, from Simcoe street, as applied for December 4th, \$55.

Sidewalk on Johnson street, north side, from Casson-street, as applied for December 4th, \$52.

Box drain on Milne street, north side, as applied for November 20th, \$50.

Sidewalk on Milne street, south side, as applied for November 20th, \$30.

Improvement of southerly portion of Catherine street, as applied for by Dr. L. Hall, November 27th, \$25.

HOW TO LAUGH.

"Laugh and grow fat" is the old proverb, but it would read more truthfully did it run "Grow fat and laugh." As it stands it puts the cart before the horse. It is the superabundant health of the fat man that makes him laugh—that makes him fat. Laughter bubbles out of him like water out of a spring. But no amount of laughing would make a fat man out of a thin one.

Health in the first place, is the secret of the easy laugh, the laugh that lies always ready to burst forth. The laugh that is squeezed out mechanically is nothing but a mere echo of the sympathetic laugh, which nothing is so inspiring to meanness, belongs to the sympathetic, the man of poor digestion, the man who needs Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets.

Look at the man who can laugh a laugh that is a laugh, the stout ruddy heart chap who eats as heartily as he laughs. He didn't laugh to grow fat. He grew fat because his digestion was good and laughs for the same reason. He is not the man Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets are intended for.

Now glance at the thin, faint smiling individual whose nearest approach to a laugh is a grunt, who looks sad at the richest joke, who tells you he has no appetite—is he liable to get fat by laughing? He can't laugh. He hasn't got it in him. His digestive system is weak. He hasn't got vitality enough to waste in laughing. To such people as those Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets are recommended. They restore strength and energy to the digestive organs and as surely as this is done is a man liable to "laugh and grow fat."

A man's wife should always be the same, especially to her husband, but she is not, and did not, and can't be. Of course there is no man in the world of certain firms whose heads are members of the old and respected Society of Friends, who are also advocates of the doctrine of peace at any price. It is against the principles of the Society to enter into contracts for the supply of military stores, more especially to an army engaged in actual warfare in the field, and so the good Quaker conscience. It is said, received a "wrath" when the order to supply the Queen's present to her soldiers came. The head of one leading firm regarded the Royal idea as a beautiful one, and

except those who use Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine, it lessens the tightness in the chest, stops the cough, allays the inflammation, heals the sores and promptly cures all sorts of coughs and colds, bronchitis, croup, asthma, and sore throat. It is found in nine-tenths of the houses of this country. 25 cents a bottle. Family size 60 cents.

Behind the Footlights

The Advance Notice Writer and His Wealth of Adjectives.

Coming Attractions at the Victoria—A Romance of the Stage.

It is reserved to those who are required to sift through the advance notices sent out broadcast by every travelling theatrical company to learn the wealth of adjectives with which the English language abounds. It would seem that the people employed to write these puff are gifted with a marvellous vocabulary, or are the possessors of a dictionary comprising words but those of a banal character. Here are a few samples taken from but one advance notice of the "Hot Old Time," "Brand new," "popular," "beauty," "expensive," "strongest," "elegant," "brighter," "more unique," "very original," "elegant" in its magnificence," "its tour has been a triumphant march," "the scenic effects are the most beautiful yet introduced by stagecraft and fertile imagination," and finally, "there is plenty in it to please any audience, whether of the musical, the beautiful or the salient of wit." And what that last expression means perhaps the press agent knows, but no one else.

It is often complained by theatre-goers that the newspapers mislead them in regard to coming attractions, and make statements in regard to the quality of the show which are never, or very rarely borne out by the facts. It must be remembered that these advance notices are submitted by men paid to say the most extravagant things they can of the production in whose behalf they are working. The advance notices are sent out and the newspapers are supposed to insert them in consideration of a certain amount of advertising, but there surely should be some limit to the extravagance of language to be used in puffing a performance.

It will probably prove that "A Hot Old Time" is a fair specimen of the rolicking vanderbilt, a little more or a little less vulgar than the majority, and those who enjoy that kind of show will no doubt receive full value for their money.

Victorians are promised a visit by the Shenandoah company, under the management of Jacob Litt, and the San Francisco company, under the management of the McFarish, as applied for by Hon. J. S. Macneekin, M.D., on November 20th, at an estimated cost of \$180.

Sidewalk on south side of Cadboro Bay road, between Pemberton road and Charles street, as applied for November 20th, \$160.

Extension of drain on Stanley avenue, as applied for by G. C. Meshier, December 11th, \$145.

Sidewalk on east side of Owego street, between Simcoe and Michigan, as applied for November 20th, \$112.

Sidewalk on west side of Owego street, between Kingston and Michigan, as applied for November 20th, \$100.

Improvement of the easterly portion of Davis street, as applied for Dr. F. W. Hall, November 20th, \$100.

Sidewalk through Lydia and Howard streets, \$85.

Sidewalk on Springfield avenue, west side, between the new and the old Esquimalt roads, as applied for November 20th, \$50.

Blasting rock and laying gravel walk in place of steps, North Penobscot street, as applied for by W. Emery, December 4th, \$60.

Box drain on Milne street, north side, as applied for November 20th, \$50.

Sidewalk on Milne street, south side, as applied for November 20th, \$30.

Improvement of southerly portion of Catherine street, as applied for by Dr. L. Hall, November 27th, \$25.

Box drain on Milne street, north side, as applied for November 20th, \$50.

Sidewalk on Johnson street, north side, from Casson-street, as applied for December 4th, \$52.

Box drain on Milne street, south side, as applied for November 20th, \$50.

Sidewalk on Dundee street, north side, from Simcoe street, as applied for December 4th, \$55.

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ANOTHER WARNING.

For the third time in a fortnight the British army authorities have had it forced upon them that the tactics employed by them against the Boer style of tactics will not do.

The reverse at Tugela River this morning goes to prove that it is sheer madness to persist in ignoring an ambushed enemy to the extent of failing to throw out scouts and skirmishers to feel the way. It is as plain as a pikestaff that no such thing could have been done when those batteries went into action by the river bank, for the rebels would have been bound to discover the concealed enemy or to have drawn no fire, which is the same thing. Here we have a strength of thirteen guns going into action in face of an enemy known to be in strength but at an unknown distance, lumbering and about to begin when a murderous rifle fire opens and destroys the teams, kills and wounds a majority of the men, and renders the work of saving the guns utterly impossible.

It sounds queer even to the civilian ear to have it explained that the officer responsible for this exposure of men and loss of costly property "desired to get nearer the enemy." Where are the caution, the concealment, the slow but certain forward movement behind clouds of smoke, that even the man in the street has already been convinced are the only means of winning the war against the Boers? Amidst the severe criticism that is sure to be heard in the United Kingdom will be a call to abandon as absurd and useless the "brilliant frontal attack," the "dashing attack in line," the "contempt" for a lurking foe."

It will be no disgrace to the British officer to go cautiously, to seek cover on every possible opportunity, to learn to wait a bit, and above all, to think first, last and all the time of his men, and less, or not at all, of his V.C. or C.B., or honorable mention in the dispatches for conspicuous gallantry in the heat, with ways with a wily foe; the manly, frank, open style is worse than nonsensical with an enemy who puts with deadly aim from behind rocks and stumps. The general features of German offensive tactics are those which might with great advantage be adopted by the British army, especially against a foe so mobile as the Boer. Here are the main points of the German method:

First, concealment. Second, careful and prolonged reconnaissance, not only of the position, but also of the approaches. Third, frontal and flank attack combined, thus ensuring moral superiority. Fourth, the development of a long line of batteries, enveloping one wing of the position, under cover of comparatively weak advanced lines, at the earliest possible moment. Fifth, great strength of the flank attack. Sixth, the deployment of a great mass of infantry, in many successive lines, against the point, usually a think selected for the decisive attack. Seventh, non-intervention of the infantry, with the exception of the artillery, until the batteries have thoroughly prepared the attack. Eighth, the close support of the infantry by the artillery at the moment the fight is hottest. Ninth, the employment of cavalry in large bodies on the flank of the main attack.

From the foregoing even the layman may see that this style of attack would ensure some things that, so far as one may judge from the dispatches, have been utterly lacking in the British attacks during this campaign. It would ensure due warning to the main guards as to the presence of the enemy in force in the line of march or on the flanks; it would absolutely (see second item) prevent any main body walking into such traps as at Stormberg, Magersfontein and Tugela; it would (No. 3) worry the enemy by compelling him to divide his attention between two important points. The reader may study the matter in detail for himself, always remembering that the scene of war in South Africa is, in general, about the worst possible to imagine for an attacking force, and the best possible to imagine for a defending one.

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Another large body of our gallant soldiers has been slaughtered without a chance to defend itself or take vengeance. Our men were, according to the general's own dispatch, marched right up to the muskets of the hidden enemy and butchered in heaps under a murderous fire. If something is not radically wrong with our system why do these horrible things occur so often? Give Tommy Atkins a fair chance, it would be a relief to see the military authorities quietly leave overboard past traditions that fitted the times of Brown Bess, the Minie and the Snider, and manfully recognize the hard fact that it is now the kill-at-two-miles repeating, smokeless Mauser rifle, the seven-mile Cremona cannon and the skilled German officer behind, it all that we have to contend against. More brains should be put into the fighting, and then there will be a different story to send home.

THE TORY-LEADER.

Sir Charles Tupper will address the people of Victoria this evening in the opera house. He comes amongst us again after an absence of about two years, flushed with the new wine of unbroken victory. After the bitter pills of the general elections of 1896, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, how sweet to the palate of the Tory chieftain is this slice of briny pie, yeap! Manitoba, which came to him not so much because the people of Manitoba had renounced Liberalism and desired to palter with the nostrums of Toryism, as because there was not union amongst the Liberals of Manitoba, and the Tories made the most of a party advantage. Far from the Manitoba election having anything of a national significance it will not affect in the slightest the opinions of the Canadian people. Beyond the boundaries of Manitoba that backbone victory of Hugh John will have no effect, one way or the other. It was a Manitoba affair; purely domestic, and Tory intrigue won.

Sir Charles Tupper will tell the people quite another tale this evening; he will wish them to believe him when he says that the Manitoba affair has a national effect. But the people will not believe it any more than they believe that the annoying reverses being suffered by the British army in South Africa will ultimately prevent that army from achieving the task to which it has been set, Canada is Liberal to stay, and the British army will be victorious in the end; the one in spite of Manitoba, the other in spite of Stormberg, Magersfontein and Tugela.

Of course, the people will not forget that in the gentle art of making a mountain out of a molehill our friends the Tories are past masters, and Sir Charles Tupper facile princeps. Give the average Tory one square inch of fact and he will build out of it a magnificent edifice of fancy measuring square miles on the front elevation, but, of course, unsubstantiated (except, as to the square-inch) as the baseless fabric of a vision. Sir Charles Tupper suddenly fails to amuse though he generally fails to convince anyone who demands facts and not figures of speech. He has all the polished eloquence of the most gulfed sophist ancient Athens ever heard; how he makes an omelette of fancy out of the plain hard facts is something only to be explained as the travelling wizard elucidates his mysteries for the enlightened of the rustic multitude:

"Gummen' gen'men, its easy, dead-easy 'ye know 'ow, of course'; but serious'nes aside gen'men, it's a h'art as come natrally from long 'gerience an' everlastin' sp'riment; the quickness an' deceiver th' h'eye; chuck another penay in the 'at-an'-I'll show yer again."

Many Liberals will doubtless attend to-night's meeting. We can assure them a pleasant time, for there is no end of amusement when Sir Charles pipes his "I." But, they will listen in vain for rhyme or reason in the outburst over the recent Manitoba election, and the alleged significance of it to the rest of the people of Canada.

Strong opposition is still shown to the placing of the statue of Oliver Cromwell in front of Westminster Hall. It is the gift of Lord Rosebery and the work of Hamo Thornycroft, and it was unveiled in the dusk of a November evening, by a workman in the presence of a few casual passers-by. The men who would remove this monument of one of England's greatest men are men who have done nothing worth remembrance. None can estimate what England owes to her man of blood and iron, the forerunner of the builders of the British Empire. The statue shows Cromwell a rugged, fearless man, clasping a Bible and gazing resolutely into the future.

Berlin Kreuz Zeitung is studying the South African war very closely and sums up thus:

"The Transvaal war has taught Germany that she must have an African colony of her own."

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END OF THE CENTURY.

To the Editor.—Accept my suggestion of your correspondent "Cephas." I send you a few verses which came to hand a short time ago. It appears that the question of when one century ends and another begins was quite as warmly discussed a hundred years ago as it is now. The London Times has raked up an old poetical solution of the problem, written on the morning of January 1, 1891. The verse-writer wrote as follows:

Precisely at twelve o'clock last night The eighteenth century took its flight. Full many an aching head Has racked its brain, its life is shed To prove by metaphysics true That one hundred means but ninety-nine, While others at such widow wondered, But took one more to make a hundred.

HUMPERDINCK.
Victoria, Dec. 15th, 1899.

OUR BOYS EN ROUTE.

An Interesting Letter from F. Finehalles on Board the Troopship.

The following letter received this morning by Major Williams will be read with interest:

Nov. 11th, 1899.

SS. Sackville, off Cape Verde.

My Dear Major Williams: Learning that there is a possibility of sending me home via Cape Verde Islands I hasten, amid many difficulties, to scribble a brief note. No. 2 Company is in the best of health, and each member joins me in best wishes to you and yours. The remainder of the Victoria contingent is in equally good health and spirits. We shall be glad if you would convey to Colonel Gregory and the officers and N.C. officers and men of the Fifth our best regards. We often think of you all and talk of you frequently. Our first few days experienced aboard the "troopship" (heaven save the mark) was not a very happy one. But, we have got into something like order at last, and have nothing very much to complain of—except the sleeping accommodations, which in case of A Co. is very bad. We go to bed packed like sardines in a tin and wake up as from a Turkish bath. We were all very disgusted when we learned that our captain was not to command us. He has shown himself by far the smartest officer in the contingent (no disparagement to the others), and it does seem rather hard times to be commanded by a man from another regiment, who naturally has more sympathy with his own men than with us poor B.C.'s, not but what Major Arnold is a very kind officer.

I find I have come to the end of my allowance paper so I miss close up. I am very sorry, for I had a host of things to tell you and must wait until Captain's Agent for the present. With best wishes to yourself and all at home. Very truly yours,

FRANK FINCH-SMILES.
P.S.—Regard to Foulkes, Vandergucht, Ernest Powell, etc.; Sergeant Northcutt especially desires me to mention his regards of you.

THE NEW IMPERIAL.

The Latest Addition to the List of Victoria's Hotels.

It has long been an unanswered conundrum to the vast majority of people in the city, what the rooms in the Victoria Theatre block were intended to be used for. It has also been a conundrum to know to what use they could be put.

It has been left to Mrs. White, well-known here as a hotel proprietress, to answer both those questions and to answer them in a manner which cannot fail to be satisfactory to all who are looking for information upon the subject of how to make the very best possible use of apparently valueless property.

At the corner of View and Douglas streets, in the theatre block, Victoria people and their visitors will find on Tuesday, open for their reception and entertainment, one of the neatest and most comfortable restaurants in the city, where meals of all kinds, from the coffee and toast of the newspaper man in the morning to the seven-course dinner of the gourmand in the evening, or the much appreciated after-theatre supper of the man-about-town will be served.

The "Imperial" as Mrs. White has appropriately named her new hotel, will not be found to be only a restaurant, however, but is one of the most comfortable and expensively furnished hotels in Victoria. The main entrance is on Douglas street and the visitor, immediately he steps inside the hall will find an atmosphere of home most refreshing to those who are compelled to look for home comforts away from the domestic fireside. Spacious as is the dining room it will be found that halls, corridors and sleeping apartments are on the same scale of roominess, and each of the twenty-two bedrooms, furnished elaborately, would easily make two of the ordinary hotel chamber.

From the top floor to the door-mat of the dining room every attention has been paid to the furnishings: carpets, curtains, bedding and fixtures are of the best, and in the department of sanitation the bathrooms and lavatories on every floor are replete with every accessory.

Of Mrs. White's ability to conduct a first-class hotel nothing need be said. The knack of making guests feel at home is not the possession of every host or hostess, but the proprietress of the Imperial has proven herself one of the fortunate ones.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

(Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 16.—The next Republican convention will take place in Philadelphia on June 15th.

The Duke of Cambridge, in addressing the 92nd Gordon Highlanders shortly

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A very extensive assortment here; exquisite and novel handles that are as artistic as the Umbrellas themselves are worthy. Prices are very interesting.

Ladies' Umbrella, fine pearl handle, silver mounts, durable English satin de chene cover, paragon frame, \$3.50. The same Umbrella with fine twill silk cover, \$4.50 and \$5.00. But with over a thousand new Umbrellas in stock and hardly any two handles alike it is impossible to describe them.

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Holiday Ties and Braces

The showing is the most varied we've ever gathered, wonderful indeed what 50 cents or \$1 will do in this stock. Come, look twice at the assortment and prices, then go and compare; we shall expect you back.

Linens for Gifts

To be sure! What more acceptable to the particular housekeeper than a dainty Linen Table Set. We have gathered largely of exquisite Irish Damasks with Napkins to match. Beautiful and moderately priced.

Winter Goods for Gifts

How much some people would appreciate a fine warm pair of Blankets! We have some just made for presents, each pair in a nice box, delicate pink and blue borders made of the finest Cape wool, price, \$10.50 per pair.

Eider Down Quilts, French sateen coverings, filled with fine Alaska down, \$6.50 to \$12.50.

Boys' Navy Blue Reefs Coats, all sizes, good qualities, and because of late arrival now selling at reduced prices.

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WEATHER BULLETIN:
Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 16.—An area of low pressure still hangs over the Washington coast, and weather conditions are unsettled. Rain has fallen east of the Cascades and south of the Strait, and snow in the Plateau region and the lower portion of the province. The Northwest area remains, and minimum temperatures range from 2 degrees above to 34 below zero. Forecast.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Sunday, Victoria and vicinity—Northerly and northwesterly winds, unsettled, with snow or sleet. Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, with sleet.

Report.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, 31; minimum, 30; wind, calm; snow, 29; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.70; temperature, 28; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles N. E.; snow, .02; weather, cloudy. Kamloops—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, 6; minimum, 4; wind, calm; weather, fair.

Barker's—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, 20 below; minimum, 34 below; wind, calm; weather, clear.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Drill Hall concert to-night.

Use Blue Ribbon Flavoring Extracts.

Please call at Russell's, 134 Douglas street, anytime before Xmas and bring the children with you; it will delight them and please you.

You boil potatoes but you brew tea To do so properly consult the directions on the packets of "HOND'L."

Banner Lodge, A.O.U.W., meets on Tuesday evening for the election of officers. Louton Council, Y.M.C.A., meets on Wednesday night for the same purpose.

At the early age of 21 years, Mrs. David Breckenridge, daughter of Mr. James Barker, Strawberry Vale, died yesterday. The deceased was a native of the state of Nebraska.

Banner Lodge, No. 6, A.O.U.W., will meet on Tuesday evening to wind up the business of the year. This meeting is necessitated by the regular meeting night falling on Christmas.

The five brigades are in receipt of invitations to attend social events which are being given during the holiday season by the departments in Tacoma, Rossland and other cities. None of the members have been able to accept.

The Scots Canadian Mining and Development Syndicate, Limited—To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire mines, mining rights, and metalliferous lands in the province of British Columbia or elsewhere, with a capital of £1,500 in £1 shares, has been registered at Edinburgh, Scotland.

The usual weekly meeting of the Young Men's Liberal Club will not be held this evening, the premier and the leader of the opposition, after consultation with their supporters, having agreed that in order to afford the members of the house an opportunity to hear Sir Charles Tupper, there should be no session of the mock parliament.

Great "extras" Drill Hall concert to-night.

At the last meeting of the board of school trustees a request from the chief of the fire department to the effect that fire escapes be provided for the North Ward school was met with the statement from some of the members that the board was not the owner of the building and could not be liable for the improvement required. Now the chief wants to know who is responsible, and for this purpose has addressed a letter to the Attorney-General asking for the desired information. He is determined that the lives of the children shall not be endangered by the absence of the escape, and intends to compel those responsible to erect one. But if it transpires that the city is liable, Chief Dearsey will be placed in the embarrassing position of prosecuting the corporation which employs him. The situation would certainly be unique, as he would then be compelling the city to obey the laws which they themselves framed. There is material for a Gilbertian opera in Victoria.

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Superficial hair and all facial blemishes removed by Electrolysis. Electro Parkers, 114 Yates street.

The diamond pin raffle at the Grotto saloon, Trounce avenue, takes place this evening at 8 o'clock.

Have you seen the \$1 per dozen Printed Cups and Saucers at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street?

The snow caused a postponement of the football fixtures this afternoon and the Hunt Club run was also cancelled.

Kinns presents and fancy goods Twenty per cent discount on fall millinery. Stevens & Jenkins, 84 Douglas street.

Several pairs of rubbers and shoes, some umbrellas, handkerchiefs, and a small pocket were found in the Drill Hall after the ball. Owners can obtain the same by applying at the Drill Hall.

Lord Mayor's Pudding Bowls, Pudding Moulds, Pudding Bowls and Jelly Moulds, all sizes, at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street.

Mrs. G. Kosche's

35 DOUGLAS STREET, NEAR FORT.

Drill Hall concert to-night.

See the moving pictures every afternoon and evening at 8½ Douglas street.

The funeral of the late D. M. Gordon took place this afternoon from Hamlin's parlors. Rev. W. L. Clay conducted the service.

THE ANIMATED SPECIALTY COMPANY at 80½ Douglas street, will show the Jeffries Fitzsimmons fight, from start to finish, eleven rounds and the knockout complete, Monday evening, December 18th. Performances begin at 7, 8 and 9 p.m.

There is a treat in store for those who attended the grand concert at the Drill Hall this evening. Bandmaster Finn has prepared another excellent programme consisting of standard overtures and popular and characteristic music. Miss Sophie McNamee and Miss Edith Loughead will be heard in vocal solos, accompanied by Mr. E. Arnold (pianist) and Mr. S. W. Driscoll (violin obligato).

The hall decorations will remain undisturbed so that all can have an opportunity of seeing them.

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WILKINSON V. GROVES.

Action for Libel by a Former Resident of Victoria.

(London Morning Post, Nov. 30.)

In the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice an action for libel was heard, the plaintiff being Mr. Charles Herbert Wilkinson, of New Broad street, and defendant Mr. Samuel Houghton Groves, of St. Helen's place and Chicago. The defendant pleaded that the letter in question was written bona fide and without malice, and that the occasion was privileged. He also ultraiously pleaded a justification.

Sir R. T. Reid, Q.C., Mr. Rufus Isaacs, Q.C., and Mr. J. Edith Banks appeared for the plaintiff; while Sir E. Clarke, Q.C., Mr. Capson, Q.C., and Mr. Danvers represented the defendant.

The circumstances out of which the case arose were of somewhat complicated character. In 1886 Mr. Wilkinson was sent to America to look about for an investment on behalf of the British Columbia Development Association, and as the result of his inquiries he advised that their capital should be invested in the construction of a railway from Skagway by way of the White Pass to Fort Selkirk. In pursuance of that scheme Mr. Wilkinson obtained acts of parliament from the Canadian and British Columbian governments, also an authority in respect of certain territory belonging to the United States through which the proposed railway would have to pass. In 1887 Mr. Wilkinson became the managing director of the Assets Development Company, and that company secured an option of acquiring the whole of the before-mentioned undertaking from the British Columbia Development Company. The plaintiff employed a Mr. Midgley to raise some funds in connection with the matter, and through that gentleman he was brought into contact with Messrs. Close Brothers & Co., of which firm the defendant was the principal, and which raised a sum of money and undertook other responsibilities with regard to providing further funds. The Assets Company purchased the enterprise and became entitled to the benefits of the concessions in due course, and ultimately it was arranged that Messrs. Close Brothers should buy the whole concern from the Assets Company. During negotiations of an intricate kind as to price, the plaintiff refused to execute the conveyance for the transfer of the property unless the sum of £1,000 was paid to the Assets Company, and £500 to himself for some expenses he had incurred. In those circumstances Messrs. Close cabled to Mr. Groves, who was looking after the interests of the undertaking in America, to the effect that Wilkinson refused to sign unless he received £500. The defendant on that wrote from Chicago to Midgley, at Ottawa, the words now complained of, "Wilkinson demands blackmail, as to arrangement with Close." This was what plaintiff complained of. Subsequently Messrs. Close agreed to plaintiff's terms, and the contracts were executed. In the course of some litigation initiated by Mr. Midgley against the Assets Company she letter containing the alleged libel was produced, and it the present action was founded.

In the course of his cross-examination by Sir E. Clarke the plaintiff said that he alone controlled the Assets Company, which consisted of himself, and six nominees, clerks in this office, etc. At the time of its formation he added that he was an undischarged bankrupt. Plaintiff's case having closed, Lord Russell, in the course of his summing up, commented severely on the constitution of the Assets Company. That a man who was an undischarged bankrupt had got together the necessary number of nominees and had formed a company under the protection of the law was a scandal; How long such a scandal would be allowed to continue he did not know. If a man, being an undischarged bankrupt, obtained credit to the amount of £20, without revealing that fact he was guilty of an offence, and yet another undischarged bankrupt could come the shop with an act of parliament and obtain credit not money for a few pounds but for thousands without committing an offence.

The jury on the question of malice returned a verdict for the defendant. Judgment for the defendant accordingly.



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An old black crow sat on a limb and taunt said unto himself, "I am working too-hard this morning, I'm coming my day slowly. I'll just wash some of the big birds, who are full of grub, and don't have to work hard." As he so thought he saw an eagle sailing easily by. "It's the big boy!" It's after, I'll watch him." The eagle swooped down and grabbed it limb and flew away. "Great! I've taken a sheep, so used to be birdlime." The crow then pointed on the eagle, but thought, "Well, it's more than I ever gained for," said the crow. "Guess I'll fly back to my perch and keep away." He found, however, that the wool on the sheep had tangled his feet and he couldn't get away. By and by the shepherd came

along, clipped his wings and took the silly bird home for his children to play with. The children said, "What's that, papa?" "If you ask him, he'll say he's an eagle, but take my word for it he's a crow."

— Boyce's Huzzler.

MOULDER AGAIN.

This Time William Bowen, of Brockville, is Cured of Backache by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Moulder's Seems to Be a Fortunate Trade—Second Moulder Dodd's Kidney Pills Reported Recently to Have Cured.

Brockville, Dec. 15.—Last week the press reported the case of Geo. Barkley, a Hamilton moulder, who was fortunate enough to find a cure for Rheumatism. This, it turned out, was Dodd's Kidney Pills, the most famous kidney medicine in the world. There is a moulder in Brockville who also has a word to say regarding Dodd's Kidney Pills.

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LONDON IN 1784.

In 1784 M. La Combe published a book entitled "A Picture of London," in which, inter alia, he says: "The highroads thirty or forty miles round London are filled with armed highwaymen and footpads." This was then pretty true, though the expression "filled" is somewhat of an exaggeration. The medical student of forty or fifty years ago seems to have been anticipated in 1784, for M. La Combe tells us that "the brass knockers of doors, which cost from 12s to 15s, are stolen at night if the maid forgets to uncover them"—a precaution which seems to have gone out of fashion. "The arrival of the 'mails,'" our author says, "is uncertain at all times of the year. Persons who frequently receive letters should recommend their correspondents not to insert loose papers, nor to put the letters in covers, because the tax is sometimes triple, and always arbitrary, though in a free country. But capacity and iniquities are the debts of the English."

M. La Combe does not give us a flattering character! An Englishman, he says, "considers a foreigner as an enemy, whom he dares not offend openly, but whose society he fears; and he attaches himself to no one." Perhaps it was so in 1784, but such feelings have nearly died out—at least among educated people. M. La Combe, in another part of his book, exclaims: "How are your women become bold, impudent and expensive. Bankrupts and beggars, colliers, spies and informers, robbers and pickpockets abound; the baker fixes alum in his bread; the brewer puts opium and copper filings in his beer; the milkwoman spoils her milk with snails—Gentlemen's Magazine."

Japan has 50 sects of Buddhism.

—GEORGE WYNDHAM.

"John Colam,"

A Further Point.

In a subsequent letter dated November 16 it was asked whether a trooper killing his badly-wounded horse without direction from his superior officer renders himself liable to punishment by court-martial, and the following answer from the war office was sent to the society: "No trooper has been known to be court-martialled for destroying his wounded horse without adequate reason. After a battle the sending out of parties to kill wounded horses lying on the field is naturally done by word of command. During a battle a man usually acts on his own responsibility. Troopers are generally too fond of their horses not to put them out of pain when helplessly wounded. A man would certainly not be put on trial for doing so, unless there were good grounds for thinking he had killed the animal without cause."

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Provincial News.**REVELSTOKE.**

Dan Robinson has increased the force of men at work on the new Illecillewaet road to twenty, and expects to get that section on this side of the bridge about completed by the end of the week.

After drill on Monday night, at which there were 31 on parade, Captain Taylor held a meeting of the rifle company to take steps to get up an entertainment for the benefit of the patriotic fund for the widows and orphans of the soldiers fighting in South Africa. A committee of 12 was selected to make arrangements for the entertainment.

MOTIE.

On Tuesday night James Wilks, district organizer of the Western Federation of Miners, organized a union at Moyie, in East Kootenay, with 71 members to stand with. The following officers were elected: President, M. L. Hollister; vice-president, William Mills; financial secretary, Alex. J. Chisholm; corresponding secretary, W. R. Hock; treasurer, Donald E. McDonald; conductor, Harry Dimmick; warden, W. H. Darby; delegates to district association, William Mills and David J. Elmer.

SLOCAN CITY.

The finishing touches are being put on the Wakefield concentrator building.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tayor celebrated their china wedding last Friday.

Lambert has arrived for the erection of a new set of buildings at the Gélineau mines.

Larry Doty has resigned the chief of policehip of Sandon to accept a responsible position with the Kootenay Railway & Navigation Co.

Rev. J. A. Cleland and family left Sandon on Saturday for their new home in Eugene, Ore. They were the recipients of many handsome presents.

VERNON.

Rev. E. Robson reached home last week from a trip of several weeks' duration to Vancouver, whither he was summoned on account of the serious illness of his daughter, Mrs. Monk, of that city.

Over eighteen thousand dollars has already been expended this season in Vernon and vicinity by one purchaser of beef and hogs for the Kootenay markets.

Dr. O. Morris was summoned to Kereenos last week to hold an inquest upon the body of a dead Indian. A post-mortem examination was made, but there was nothing whatever to indicate that anything approaching to foul play had occurred, there being no marks of violence upon the body, and the evidence adduced showed that the Sisheew was drowned in the river some two months ago, while in a state of intoxication.

ROSSLAND.

Mr. R. C. Clute, Q.C., of Toronto, who was recently appointed by the Dominion government to enquire into the employment of alien labor in this province in response to a request from the Sandon Miners' Union, and whose commission embraces an inquiry into the labor question generally, will be in Rossland shortly to obtain evidence under oath upon which to base his report.

On the evening of Monday, December 11th, the ceremony was performed at the Methodist parsonage making Babey Young and Eliza A. Tremblay husband and wife. The groom is a native of Green's Creek, Ontario, and has resided at Nelson for three years past. The bride is a native of Matlock, Cornwall, England, having resided in Iron Mountain, Mich., and at Nelson, previous to coming to Rossland. Rev. Ged. H. Moran officiated.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The steamer Transfer is engaged at present lightening salmon to the ships loading for England at Steveston. Yesterday she took 2,000 cases down, and brought up 800 cases which are going via the Canadian Pacific railway.

Parties living near the Royal Oak on the Westminster-Vancouver road reported to the provincial police on Thursday morning that their fowl house was raided on Wednesday night, and 49 birds stolen.

Capt. Cooper returned on Wednesday with his steamer Courier, from Hazelton River, where he has just finished his contract of moving a steam railway drying plant from Harrison to Kitchen's Landing, near Chilliwack. The plant consisted of a locomotive, steam shovel, 60 miles of rails and all necessary tackle. The contract, which involved some heavy work, took about a month's time to complete. The apparatus will be used to dry the Chilliwack Valley, and save it from all future inundation.

NOTES.

Mayor Neelands, A.M. Beer, City Clerk Strachan, Assistant City Clerk Watson, and W. J. Thompson, chief of the fire department, waited upon Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jarvis on Wednesday night, and on behalf of the members of the City Council and civic employees presented Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis with a hand-lined dinner service and a substantial check.

The corner stone of the Nelson Coke & Gas Company's extensive buildings was laid on Wednesday afternoon. The trowel of honor was wielded by Mayor Neelands, and the addresses which followed were felicitous.

At a meeting of the members of the fire department on Wednesday evening the tender of the Dominion Guarantee and Accident Insurance Company to insure the members of the department against accident or illness was accepted, and policies to cover the sixteen members of the department will be written. The policies will provide a weekly payment of \$10 in case of illness or accident, and a death benefit of \$1,000.

Mr. R. C. Clute, Q.C., the special commissioner appointed by the Dominion government to enquire into the labor troubles of the Kootenay, arrived in town on Tuesday night. Mr. Clute opened his first court under his present commission in Sandon last week, and was kept fairly busy until Saturday last, having a session every day. He examined some 50 witnesses and among these were mine owners as well as miners. The alien labor law formed the bone of con-

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tention, but the commissioner explained that the countries whose labor laws did not co-operate with those of Canada would have to be discriminated against. There were several American citizens examined, but their evidence went to show that they did not come to British Columbia under contract. It was not proven that Italians had been imported under the contract system as was rumored. Mr. Clute expressed his opinion that the labor troubles in this country were to be regretted, and hoped that his efforts would tend in this direction. He has a stenographer with him, and all the evidence will be duly submitted to parliament.

VANCOUVER.
Mr. White-Fraser, of Ottawa, who was for several months engaged in a survey in the Athabasca country, has arrived in the city from the north. He may possibly return again in the spring to complete the work of determining the boundary lines of the north of British Columbia.

Two young men were badly cut up in a scuffle on Wednesday night near the corner of Cambie and Water streets. Both used knives, and for a few minutes blood flowed in a way that looked like damage to one.

The steamer Coquitlam came in on Thursday night with about 30 miners and loggers from up the coast, who have come down to spend the holidays.

A letter has been received by the secretary of the Trades and Labor Council from Mr. William Woodman, Nanaimo, asking if the Council will take part in a meeting to be held in one of the principal coast cities, each city to send a deputation, for the purpose of considering the best means to adopt to prevent the provincial sources of wealth being operated by underpaid and overworked labor. The convention has, since the receipt of the letter, been arranged to take place in Vancouver on December 21st.

The application of Mr. D. G. Macdonell, on behalf of the Pacific Coast Lumber Company, for foreshore privileges on the Coal harbor front, came up on Thursday afternoon at the board of works. A letter accompanied the application from Mr. F. Gourdeau, deputy minister of marine, asking what the city had to say in regard to the granting of the foreshore. It was stated in the letter of Mr. Macdonell that the company wanted to build a large mill there, it having secured property just opposite Deadman's island, at the foot of Cardero street. After a short discussion it was decided that the clerks should reply to the letter of the deputy minister that no action had been taken as the plan of the property had not yet been received.

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On the B. C. in Summit camp, there is greater activity than there has been for the past six months, consequent on preparations being made for the shipment of ore. A part of the electric light plant is now at the mine and will be installed as soon as all the machinery arrives. New offices and new bunk houses are being built for the accommodation of the large number of men being employed. Sinking is being continued from the 150 to the 250-foot level. The shafts being put down is 7x4 feet in the clear.

A record in sinking was made in this shaft, it having been put down 97 feet in 23 days, and timbered 50 feet. A winch is also being sunk from the 50 to the 150-foot level. It is the intention to widen the shaft from the surface to the 150-foot level, as soon as the present contract has been completed from 150 to 250-foot level. Shipping will be commenced as soon as the dump and ore cars arrive.

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SHIPPING NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

SHELLING BOERS AT MOODER RIVER.

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sea on Monday. The Coriolanus cleared yesterday and is awaiting a tug.

British ship Achansie, bound to this port from Liverpool, was spoken on October 27th in lat. 4° N., long. 15° W.

British ship, Rhuddlan Castle will shortly sail from Cardiff for Esquimalt with coal for the navy.

The crew of the steamer Togo Maru were all Japanese, from the master to the seamen.

Hawaiian ship Hawaiian Isles is shortly to leave Honolulu for the Royal Roads.

Steamer Charmer left Vancouver at 1:30, connecting with the Pacific express.

The Lorne this morning towed the bark Cavour to the Sound.

Steamer Queen City is due from the West Coast.

A CARD.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a twenty-five cent bottle of Dr. Will's English Pills, 4f, after using three-fourths of contents of bottle, they do not relieve Constipation and Headache. We also warrant that four bottles will permanently cure the most obstinate case of Constipation. Satisfaction or no pay when Will's English Pills are used.

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CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The Successful Victoria and Vancouver Candidates.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Those who passed the preliminary examinations for the civil service at Vancouver in November are: David Barnes, Sylvester Home, Thomas H. Cross, Ralph Ingram, Frederick Deely, John Parmenter, At Victoria: Henry Hartnett.

Those who passed qualifying at Victoria are: George Kirkendale and Ernest E. Blake. At Vancouver: A. G. Allan, T. H. Cross, Frederick Deely, William F. Want, Ernest C. Gilkesjeeve, W. Gillard and C. A. Morris.

TRAIN WRECKED.

Got Beyond Control and Was Ditched—Four Men Killed.

(Associated Press.)

Lewiston, Idaho, Dec. 16.—The bodies of Enginier Arthur E. Bain and Joe A. Ogden, firemen Earl Bradshaw and Brakeman A. Budde, all of Spokane, also John Peterman, of Spokane, who was injured, have been taken from a wreck at Hellsdell Hill, on a branch of the Northern Pacific.

The train, which got beyond control while descending a high grade to Hellsdell Hill on rails covered with snow and ice, tore up the track for a quarter of a mile in its mad flight and ditched itself in the yard.

CANADIAN ITEMS.

Coldwater, Dec. 16.—Wolves are reported as being very numerous in this vicinity.

Parry Sound, Dec. 16.—Grave fears are felt for the safety of the steamer Arthur Orr, one of the large Canada Atlantic Railway liners, running between Chicago and this port. The vessel is now four days overdue.

St. Catharines, Dec. 16.—William Ellis, ex-superintendent of the Welland canal, and a prominent citizen of this place, had a falling out, and as result of this, the engineer, Geo. Paul, is being tried by court-martial at San Francisco. The executive officer claims that the engineer was disloyal to the point of disloyalty, and "cheeked" him. The matter was reported to Washington with the result that a court-martial was convened to try the engineer.

Steamer New England, of the half fleet, arrived at Vancouver yesterday with 90,000 pounds of fish. She saw a sea otter on her way down. Steamer Thistle intended to do two days more fishing when the New England left. She will be down, it is expected, to-morrow.

A dispatch received from East Clifton says the following vessels are storm-bound there awaiting until the winds moderate to proceed to sea: Ships Louis Walsh, and Occidental, bark Harvester, Pactorus, Germany and Edward May and schooner Endeavor.

Steamer Energia sailed for Yokohama and Chinese ports at midnight yesterday from Tacoma. She did not call here. The Energia had a full cargo, principally flour and cotton, worth \$20,934; she carried 3,784 bales of cotton.

R.M.S. Warrimoo sailed for Honolulu, Brisbane and Sydney early this morning. She was crowded to the hatches with freight and had many passengers. The list of those who embarked here was published yesterday.

Harkenine Northwest sailed this morning for Santa Rosalia with a cargo of mops, and the schooner Fred J. Woods came into Esquimalt and took her loading berth.

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Salmon ship Kilkenny will be towed to

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SELLING BOERS AT MOODER RIVER.

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stocks, however, hold their own comparatively well.

After the first rush the market steadied somewhat.

The market view of the situation are of most serious character, both politically and monetarily, the latter mainly

troops will delay longer the supply of South African gold.

Two unimportant failures were announced early in the day.

Cabinet Council.

London, Dec. 16.—A hastily summoned meeting of the cabinet was held at the foreign office this afternoon for the purpose of dealing with the war crisis.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the secretary of state for the colonies, was not present at the meeting.

Proposed New Radical Paper.

Since the anti-war editors were removed from the Chronicle and Echo, no paper has opposed the government's policy out and out, and a movement is on foot in London to start a new Radical.

Reformed Episcopal—Bishop Oridge will preach in the morning and Dr. Wilson in the evening.

Victoria, West Methodist church—Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. D. P. Knox. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m., superintendent, C. Gladwin. Bible class teacher, Dr. Levett Hall.

James Bay Methodist church—Rev. R. Hughes will preach at 11 o'clock. Prates and testimony meeting at 7 o'clock. Special practice of Christmas hymns by Sunday school in the afternoon.

Calvary Baptist church—Pastor, J. F. Vichert. M. A. Services, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. The pastor will preach—Baptism at evening service, B. Y. P. U., Monday 8 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday 8 p. m.

Emmanuel Baptist church, Fernwood road and Chatham street—Rev. J. G. Hare, M. A., pastor. 11 a. m. "Representatives"; 7 p. m., "What Wildest Thou?" Sunday school, 2:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U., Monday 8 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday 8 p. m.

First Presbyterian church, corner of Blanchard and Pandora streets—Rev. Dr. Campbell, pastor. The pastor will preach at both services. Sabbath school at 2:30; Junior Endeavor at 10 a. m.; and Senior Endeavor at 8 p. m. Congregational prayer meeting on Thursday evening.

First Congregational church—Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., when Rev. F. Payne, the subject will be "The Eye," in the evening, "Winking."

People's Mission, 59½ Broad street—Three services will be held as follows: 3 p. m., "Prevalence of Crime a Sign of the Approaching End of the Age"; 7 p. m., "Judgment Tinged Away Backward"; 8:30 p. m., "Social Vice, or Modern Sodom." The last named service will begin just at the close of the regular services in other churches. All are invited to attend these services.

Universal Brotherhood, 28 Broad street—Williams' block—Public lecture, 8:15 p. m., subject, "Imperialism." Afternoon class for children at 2:30 o'clock.

John C. Clothier, of Spence's Bridge, is at the Dominion, having come to the Coast for the holidays.

W. C. Wells, M. P. P., arrived in the city last evening and will remain here until the legislature adjourns.

J. D. Graham, the gold commissioner at Atlin, arrived by this morning's boat from the Sound, and is registered at the Drift.

William Hamilton, proprietor of the Leland hotel, Vancouver, who has been in the city for two or three days, left for home by this morning's boat.

Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., the Conservative leader, arrived in the city last evening. He was accompanied from Vancouver by Sir Chas. Hibbert and Lady Tupper.

Mrs. A. M. Winters, of Seattle, sister of Mr. Stephen Jones, of the Dominion, came over from Vancouver last night and will stay in the city for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

A bevy of sea captains are registered at Hotel Victoria. They include Capt. Frank White, of Seattle; James of the Killarney; Herbert of the Highland Light; Cameron, of the bark Theodore; and Angelo, of Italian bark Cavour.

Mrs. R. Porter & Son, Okell & Morris Co., J. W. Melton, M. R. Smith & Co., Herbert Cunningham, T. N. Hibben & Co., Hickman & Hdw. Co., Cunningham Hdw. Co., R. L. Reed, H. P. Ritter & Co., L. Goodacre, R. Gray, G. C. Hinton & Co., Jackson & McDonald, Naval Stores Officer, J. H. Hathaway, M. Henry Thomas, A. McGregor & Son, Ames Holden Co., B. C. Jobling Co., B. A. Brown & Co., Pither & Leiser, H. T. Standard, Jay & Sons Co., Dom Exp Co., E. J. Saunders.

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